

The meeting was conducted by Obie Benz.

The organizations reported on their progress:

I. Community Relations - Marilyn Kitchell

In their meeting on Tuesday afternoon, it was decided that a one-to-one basis was better for improving relations with the townspeople. Yet, at some point in the summer, it was decided, the group as a whole should do something together.

a) there will be a garden in front of the Federation Building. The sidewalk will be swept daily. The appearance of each member of the group will be left up to the individual.

b) The Day Care Center desperately needs volunteer help i.e. screening and framing windows, building fences, painting, etc. This must be done by next fall. A sign-up sheet will be put on the bulletin board for those who are interested. Volunteers will be instructed on how to build fences, etc.

c) Neighborhood Youth Corps needs their office cleaned. They also need people to tutor - this organization is set up for high school dropouts who want tutoring in academics, typing, etc. It was also suggested that we get in touch with OEO to see if they need volunteer help.

d) This organization feels that a good way to meet townspeople is by visiting the churches in Middlebury. Church and local activities will be posted on the bulletin board. (i.e. Lion's Club, Bristol Fair)

e) High school students - we should try to get to know them better. If a constructive activity were to be planned, we could invite them into the building. The possibility of a coffee house in the Teen Center was discussed. Also the possibility of finding a Breadloaf faculty member to help with a dramatic production or poetry reading.

f) Next fall there are plans to have a forum in Rutland which students would attend, also having dinner with families in Rutland. This is being sponsored by the Rutland churches. A Middlebury Pelliweg is also being planned for next fall which would include lunch at the college and discussion of national issues. There is a chance that these activities could be started sooner. This is a chance for the Community Involvement Group to act together as a group,

g) Thursday night will be the first meeting of the Advisory Board at 8:30 P.M. The list of board members is posted on the bulletin board, and the meeting will be an open meeting.

II. Research - Obie Benz

Research will be made on education in Vermont. Obie Benz has been made a temporary student liaison for the board of education in Vermont. This group hopes to go to area schools and read available material so that they may compile a report from their research.

III. Headstart - Ginny Wanklyn

So far, there are eight college students and one high school student who are willing to work five days a week or part time. There will be a list on the bulletin board of things they will need, and those interested should sign up.

IV. Draft Counseling - Chris Carr

The office for draft counseling is set up above the Vermont Gift Shop.

Finances; the group is asking for a donation of 20 dollars from everyone in a position to give that much. In the group checking account, there is \$120.00.

Letters: If anyone personally knows of any parents who might be willing to donate money to the Community Involvement Group, we would appreciate if you could write a hand-written letter to them.